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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has conducted any investigation regarding the reported diversion of ration allocated for the poor people in various States;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof alongwith the list of States where such cases were noticed;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Union Government against such States; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such pilferage in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The Planning Commission has not carried out any investigation regarding the reported diversion of ration allocated for the poor people in various States.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(d): Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution have taken measures to check diversion of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). These include rationalization of allocation of Wheat and Rice for APL category, issue of Citizens'Charter and guidelines for greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the functioning of TPDS. However, the main responsibility for prevention of diversion of foodgrain vests with the concerned State Governments and UT Administrations, since matters relating to allocation of foodgrains within the State/UT, issue of ration cards and supervision of the functioning of fair price shops come within their purview.